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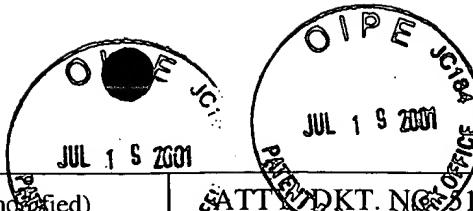
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	A2	5,386,568	1/31/95	Wold, et al.			
	A3	5,423,042	6/6/95	Jalili, et al.			
	A4	5,481,721	1/2/96	Serlet, et al.			
	A5	5,557,798	9/17/96	Skeen, et al.			
	A6	5,944,793	8/31/99	Islam, et al.			
	A7	5,946,485	8/31/99	Weeren, et al.			
	A8	5,946,694	8/31/99	Copeland, et al.			
	A9	4,491,946	1/1/85	Kryshow, Jr., et al.			
	A10	4,713,806	12/15/87	Oberlander, et al.			
	A11	4,809,160	2/28/89	Mahon, et al.			
	A12	4,939,638	7/3/90	Stephenson, et al.			
	A13	5,088,036	2/11/92	Ellis, et al.			
	A14	4,823,122	4/18/89	Mann, et al.			
	A15	4,956,773	9/11/90	Saito, et al.			
	A16	5109,486	4/28/92	Seymour			
	A17	5,187,787	2/16/93	Skeen, et al.			
	A18	5,218,699	6/8/93	Brandle, et al.			
	A19	5,257,369	10/26/93	Skeen, et al.			
	A20	5,293,614	3/8/94	Ferguson, et al.			
	A21	5,297,283	3/22/94	Kelly, Jr., et al.			
	A22	5,307,490	4/26/94	Davidson, et al.			
	A23	5,311,591	5/10/94	Fischer			
	A24	5,339,435	8/16/94	Lubkin, et al.			
	A25	5,390,328	2/14/95	Frey, et al.			
	A26	5,440,744	8/8/95	Jacobson, et al.			

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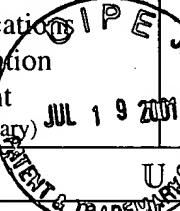
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	A29	5,471,629	11/28/95	Risch				
	A30	5,475,792	12/12/95	Stanford, et al.				
	A31	5,475,817	12/12/95	Waldo, et al.				
	A32	5,504,921	4/2/96	Dev, et al.				
	A33	5,511,197	4/23/96	Hill, et al.				
	A34	5,524,244	6/4/96	Robinson, et al.				
	A35	5,553,282	9/3/96	Parrish, et al.				
	A36	5,555,367	9/10/96	Premerlani, et al.				
	A37	5,555,427	9/10/96	Aoe, et al.				
	A38	5,560,003	9/24/96	Nilsen, et al.				
	A39	5,561,785	10/1/96	Blandy, et al.				
	A40	5,577,231	11/19/96	Scalzi, et al.				
	A41	5,594,921	1/14/97	Pettus				
	A42	5,603,031	2/11/97	White, et al.				
	A43	5,680,573	10/21/97	Rubin, et al.				
	A44	5,680,617	10/21/97	Gough, et al.				
	A45	5,684,955	11/4/97	Meyer, et al.				
	A46	5,689,709	11/18/97	Corbett, et al.				
	A47	5,706,435	1/6/98	Barbara, et al.				
	A48	5,706,502	1/6/98	Foley, et al.				
	A49	5,724,588	3/3/98	Hill, et al.				
	A50	5,727,145	3/10/98	Nessett, et al.				
	A51	5,617,537	4/1/97	Yamada, et al.				
	A52	5,628,005	5/6/97	Hurvig				
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	A55	5,652,888	7/29/97	Burgess, et al.				
	A56	5,655,148	8/5/97	Richman, et al.				
	A57	5,659,751	8/19/97	Heninger				
	A58	5,671,225	9/23/97	Hooper, et al.				
	A59	5,675,796	10/7/97	Hodges, et al.				
	A60	5,737,607	4/7/98	Hamilton, et al.				
	A61	5,745,678	4/28/98	Herzberg, et al.				
	A62	5,745,695	4/28/98	Gilchrist, et al.				
	A63	5,745,703	4/28/98	Cejtin, et al.				
	A64	5,745,755	4/28/98	Covey				
	A65	5,748,897	5/5/98	Katiyar				
	A66	5,754,849	5/19/98	Dyer, et al.				
	A67	5,757,925	5/26/98	Faybisenko				
	A68	5,761,656	6/2/98	Ben-Shachar				
	A69	5,764,897	6/9/98	Khalidi				
	A70	5,768,532	6/16/98	Megerian				
	A71	5,774,551	6/30/98	Wu, et al.				
	A72	5,778,228	7/7/98	Wei				
	A73	5,778,368	7/7/98	Hogan, et al.				
	A74	5,787,425	7/28/98	Bigus				
	A75	5,787,431	7/28/98	Shaughnessy				
	A76	5,790,548	8/4/98	Sistanizadeh, et al.				
	A77	5,802,367	9/1/98	Held, et al.				
	A78	5,808,911	9/15/98	Tucker, et al.				
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	A82	5,815,709	9/29/98	Waldo, et al.				
	A83	5,815,711	9/29/98	Sakamoto, et al.				
	A84	5,818,448	10/6/98	Katiyar				
	A85	5,829,022	10/27/98	Watanabe, et al.				
	A86	5,832,219	11/3/98	Pettus				
	A87	5,832,529	11/3/98	Wollrath, et al.				
	A88	5,832,593	11/10/98	Wurst, et al.				
	A89	5,835,737	11/10/98	Sand, et al.				
	A90	5,842,018	11/24/98	Atkinson, et al.				
	A91	5,844,553	12/1/98	Hao, et al.				
	A92	5,845,129	12/1/98	Wendorf, et al.				
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	A94	5,860,153	1/12/99	Matena, et al.				
	A95	5,864,862	1/26/99	Kriens, et al.				
	A96	5,864,866	1/26/99	Henckel, et al.				
	A97	5,872,928	2/16/99	Lewis, et al.				
	A98	5,872,973	2/16/99	Mitchell, et al.				
	A99	5,875,335	2/23/99	Beard				
	A100	5,878,411	3/2/99	Burroughs, et al.				
	A101	5,884,024	3/16/99	Lin, et al.				
	A102	5,884,079	3/16/99	Furusawa				
	A103	5,887,134	3/23/99	Ebrahim				
	A104	5,890,158	3/30/99	House, et al.				
	A105	5,892,904	4/6/99	Atkinson, et al.				
	A106	5,933,497	8/3/99	Beetcher, et al.				
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